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RESPONSE

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This is responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed June 5, 2003. Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully solicited in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please also note that our docket number is 2008 and not 1480.

AMENDMENTS

The Examiner, in his rejection, has pointed out that a catheter device with a sheath that has an occlusion balloon can be operated with the occlusion balloon deployed or not deployed. Applicant agrees and recognizes that the claims canceled herein are ambiguous for that reason. Applicant will pursue these inventions in claims presented later that describe the invention in "method" terms to clarify the invention.

For these reasons applicant cancels certain claims and revises claims to focus on the "control body" feature introduced in claim 19. Applicant hopes that the